



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

M. Pinarbasi

Serial No.: 09/458,581

Filed: 12/09/99

For: SPIN VALVE SENSOR FREE LAYER
STRUCTURE WITH A COBALT
BASED LAYER THAT PROMOTES
MAGNETIC STABILITY AND
HIGH MAGNETORESISTANCE

Group No.: 1753

Examiner: Rodney McDonald

Docket No. SA998141

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Applicant hereby petitions for a one (1) month Extension of Time to respond to the Office Action mailed 10/10/2002, thereby extending the time to respond from 01/10/2003 to and including 02/10/2003.

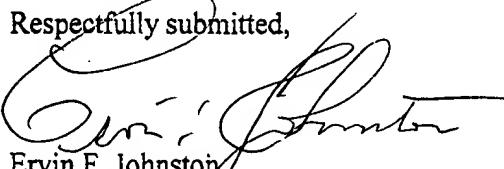
Transmitted herewith is a *Preliminary Amendment*.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of \$110.00, or any additional fees, to Deposit Account No. 09-0442 to cover the applicable fee for a one month extension of time.

Date: Jan. 17, 2003

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Respectfully submitted,


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